

Outreach Committee Minutes

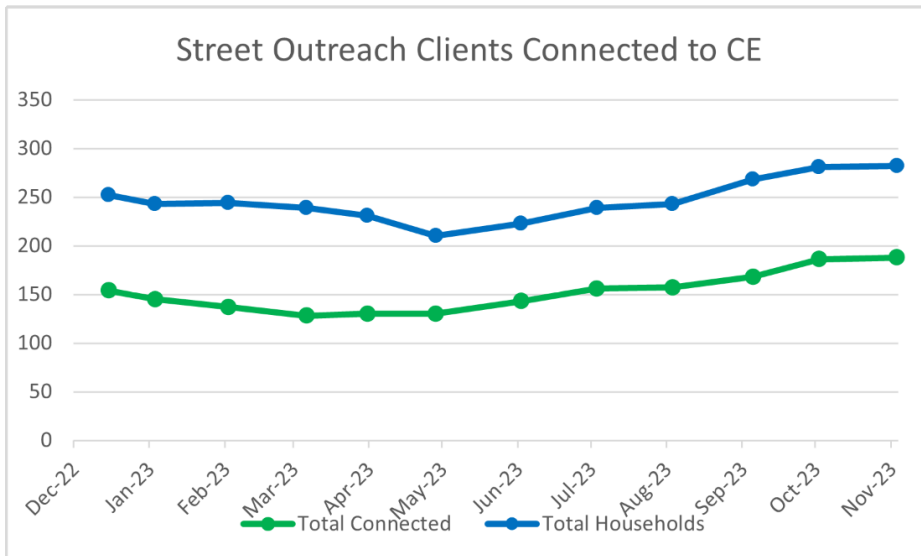
Monday, November 6, 2023

Noon-1:30pm

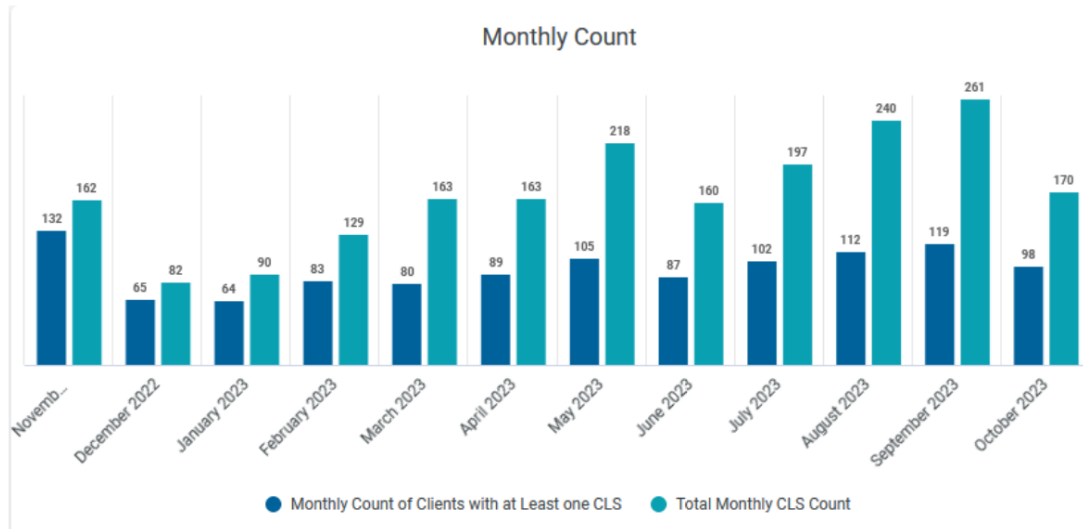
Attending: Heather Andresen, Sarah Lim, Jasmine Smith, Butch Andreas, Patrick Duffie,

Mental Health Art Market, at SOAR (4513 Milwaukee St), anyone with mental health can sell their arts, 11/25 1-7pm

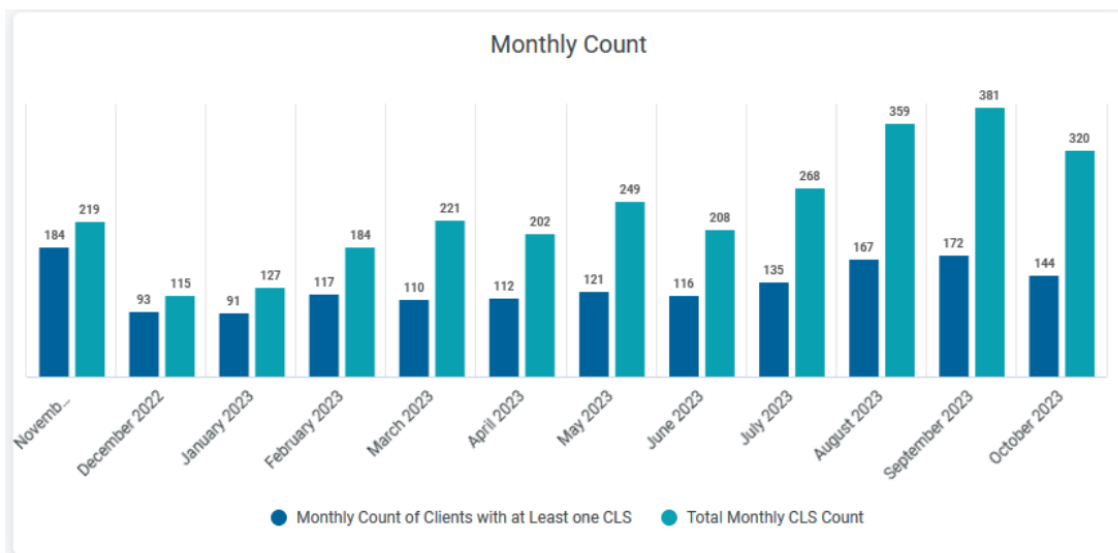
1. Select a note taker
2. CE and outreach data review and discussion



Unsheltered Contacts



All Contacts



3. Winter Planning for Street Outreach and Shelters

- Single men’s shelter – utilization has reached to 293 last week. No plan to limit the access, but resources are tight to serve the increased number of people.
- Single women’s shelter – no capacity concern.
- Family shelter
 - Exploring an overflow family shelter option, contingent on identifying a space, heard from only one congregation.
 - Hotel respite for cold weather night/extreme weather – people who can’t access the shelter. People who are suspended from single shelters and can’t access on cold

weather nights, and families who are unsheltered and can't access TSA family shelter due to capacity. (Outreach reported not having seen, Melissa interviewed families in cars, early morning, later 3 families interviewed)

- Street Outreach
 - Bring up the option of shelter more
 - More lenient on transportation assistance (giving bus pass)
 - Bringing coffee
 - Make sure we have gloves, hats, etc.
 - Can we have a meeting focusing on winter planning? In the past, grassroots organization and Dane County emergency services met monthly leading up to winter to discuss cold weather additional shelter, purchasing boots, identifying vulnerable people for overnight check. Supply coordination (shared inventory list, Signal communication, etc.). Sarah will send out an email to HSC with a Doodle, inviting grassroots organizations, volunteers, providers and Dane County emergency planning to a planning meeting.
 - Occupy may have a space for "free store" for outreach clients and staff could come and get supplies. Maybe Briarpatch space can be an option.
 - MacKenzie will draft a shared spreadsheet for inventory to be reviewed at the planning meeting.

4. Review of the Written Standards Outreach Section (II)—draft updates

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1xDZL87bQF3LbQ-D-fvcP7h7Wid4KL3zR/edit>

A concern to limit CH documentation to top 30 people was raised? What can outreach staff do to new people who are not in top 30? There are many people who are not ready for housing in top 30. Discussion points included, prioritizing top 30 people means that they are ready to go when PSH opening happens, outreach or shelter staff can't be deciding who can get the next opening by skipping the prioritization list and deciding who will get PSH eligibility paperwork done first, it has to be a system discussion on who should be prioritized.

The committee discussed the lack of housing options for unhoused individuals other than CE. But CE only housed 5% of singles and 17% families who had VI-SPDAT done. CE is not an answer for many people. We discussed exploring the PSH move up strategy (not easy for PSH provider who have to identify housing units, either, but can free up some units). Will schedule an agenda item to discuss how we can expand and develop housing options for unhoused individuals and families at future committee meeting.

5. 2024 Point-in-Time Count of Homelessness Planning

Sarah encouraged outreach staff to join the PIT committee. An invitation email will be sent out soon.

6. Walk-on items: HMIS training for outreach

- 1) Do at least some users/agencies want this?
- 2) If yes, what types of topics would you like covered? HMIS workflow, using reports, other?
- 3) What space would you like this to occur in? Would it be part of this meeting?
- 4) Who needs to attend?
- 5) Are we looking at real data or training site data?

One in-person longer meeting for training, and shorter bits at other committee meetings.

Real data review so we can correct.

Patrick will follow up to set things up.

Next meeting: Monday, December 4, 2023 Noon-1:30pm